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BULGARIAN "CHERNO MORE" MINE PRODUCTION;
"GEORGI DIMITROV" MINE RESERVES

Burgas, 9 April -- The "Cherno more" Coal Mine in Burgas produces a large part of the hard brown coal in Bulgaria. However, the mine's production is low. The 1952 production plan was fulfilled only 79 percent, and the production plan for the first quarter of 1953 was fulfilled only 80 percent. The nonfulfillment of the plan is due to poor leadership and ineffective party work and political agitation. Paskalev, mine director, and Engineer Kondakov, technical director of the mine, falsely blame the nonfulfillment of the plan on the manpower shortage and the unfavorable geologic conditions.

No attempt has been made to introduce a 24-hour workday in the mine. The maintenance of machinery is very poor. Mine cars especially are in bad condition, which prevents rapid transportation of coal from the mine. Not all faces have drills and half of the drills available are being repaired.

According to the plan, the "Brigadir" shaft should have been in operation in August 1952, but preparatory work started only in April 1953, and then only at one face. Striving to fulfill the production plan, the management neglected the preparation of new faces. Workers say that if the preparation of new faces is not intensified, there is the danger that within 2 or 3 months there will not be a face left from which to mine coal.

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The "Vuglishta" (Coal) DMO (State Mining Association) also is responsible for the lag in preparing new faces. The mine is visited by such representatives of the DMO as engineers Baychev and Ivanov. The director of the mine states that the DMO is interested only in production and not in the preparation of new faces. The former party bureau of the mine, headed by Secretary Stoyan Kostov, did not exert proper control over the mine management.

Many youths work in the mine. Half of these belong to the Turkish minority. The party organization did not try to enroll these Turks in the ranks of the DSRM (Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth) and did not try to improve their skill so that they could become good producers.

The Burgas Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party has already replaced the mine management and the party leaders in the mine. However, it must take further steps to improve conditions in the mine.

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According to Bulgarian official sources, the "Georgi Dimitrov" Coal Mines in Dimitrovo contain coal reserves of 110,000,000 tons.

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